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Subject: Italy - BAT (Barclay?)

As you know PM has agreed to monitor "smoking issues" in Italy for INFOTAB.

I smell a rat with the latest "urgent request" from INFOTAB for information on tar/ nicotine "league tables". It was a wild goose chase, and I have subsequently discovered that the request for information came from BAT, which makes me wonder whether this could be in connection with plans for Barclay(?) If not, the request could have competitive significance which you may be able to interpret.

According to INFOTAB (who passed on my information that there was no such thing as an Italian league table) BAT said they understood that there was some such table from the previous "Smoking issues status book". I have checked back, and the PM Status Book (May 1981) said:

> "league tables: unofficial publications of condensate and nicotine levels in the press"

and the March 1981 INFOTAB text reads the same.

I hope my suspicions are unfounded, but felt that I should alert you.

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